Always Seen in the Same Place But She Vanishes When Discovered.

The Residents of the Village Badly Seared About the Incident-The Story Vouched for.

That quaint little Long Island town, Woodsburg, is agitated by a mysterious woman who has recently made her appearance there. She has been seen at various times by as many as twenty different persons, and always at the same place and at a very late hour. The scene of her mysterious doings is the front of a pretty vinecovered cottage occupied by a family named Langsworth, situated opposite the northeast corner of the old race track, long since aband oned, which lies just behind Woodsburg's most pretentious building, the Pavilion hotel, says the New York World. The Longsworths' cottage occupies a particular-

The mysterious female is only seen between the hours of midnight and 2 in the morning. She made her first appearance about two weeks ago, but has been seen regularly every night since. None of the old residents who have seen the mystery remember ever having seen her before. She is always clad in funeral robes of the deepest black, relieved only by the snow-white wing of a dove, which serves as a plume for her black turban. She is invariably seen in one position—leaning pensively on the one position-leaning pensively on the white picket fence around the Langsworth

white picket fence around the Langsworth cottage, gazing dreamily and sadly towards the building.

No one has succeeded in getting near enough to her to accost her, as she invariably disappears as soon as discovered, and in such a way as to su, g t something supernatural. In fact, there are those in Woodsburg who cannot be convinced that the "mysterious woman," as she has come to be called, is anything else than a veritable spook. Others are certain that the figure is that of a man disguised as a woman, waiting for a chance to commit burglary or use a sandbag on some passer-by, while still a sandbag on some passer-by, while still other theorists pronounce her some daft creature who has escaped from an asylum. But all these fail to account for her whereabouts at other hours than midnight, for save at or near that hour she has never been

Among those who have met this strange creature is Edward Pettus, who lives about 200 yards north of the Longsworth cottage.

Mr. Pettus was formerly a prominent amateur bicyclist, and as such is well known all over the state. He is now the manager of the uptown office of the World, and is compelled to remain in New York city until a late hour. Saturday night a week ago, as he was on his way home from the Woodburg railway station, having arrived on the 1:30 a. m. train, he passed the Longsworth cottage, He had not heard of the mystery, and was therefore totally unprepared when, upon turning a sharp corner, he suddenly came face to face with a woman of unusual height, dressed in black from head to foot save for the white dove's wing already mentioned. There was something so ghastly in the face he saw turned towards him for a moment that he turned to look again. She was gone. Pettus is not a nervous man, but the whole thing was so uncanny that he concluded to take a little eversion and have a little eversion of the sound of the content of the content of the same of the content of the con Among those who have met this strange

was gone. Pettus is not a concluded to take a little exercise and broke into a run that carried him home in something less than record time.

Scarcely was Pettus out of sight when Henry Albro, a young business man living in Woodsburg, turned the corner and ran almost headlong against the big figure. One look at her face, a frightened exclamation, and Mr. Albro sprinted for home. Mr. Albro is certain that there was not a lapse of ten seconds between the time Pettus mether and his own meeting with her, and yet Pettus is sure she was entirely out of sight when he turned to look before he ran. Another. of those persons who has seen the woman is Miss Edna Carman, who is said to have encountered her while returning from a party. None of these persons, however, seem to have had presence of mind to remember what they saw, if the story of the seemember what they saw in the public facilities not given by any other line. "The Limited Fast Mail to the public facilities not given by any other line. "The Limit and Mr. Albro sprinted for home. Mr. Albro is certain that there was not a lapse of ten seconds between the time Pettus met her and his own meeting with her, and yet Pettus is sure she was entirely out of sight when he turned to look before he ran. Another, of those persons who has seen the woman is Miss Edna Carman, who is said to have encountered her while returning from a party. None of these persons, however, seem to have had presence of mind to remember what they saw, if the story of Louis Albertson is to be believed. Albertson is a colored man, and he, too, met the Woodsburg mystery, and, what is more, he has had a good look at it. He affirms with solemn emphasis that it is the most remarkable and awe inspiring vision he ever saw. As she stood before him in the hours of the night Mr. Albertson's widestaring eyes distinctly saw the white picket fence reflected through the nebulous body of the mystery. "just as though she was a parcel of smoke," he explains. She towered over nine feet high, and from her uplifted finger came a phosphorescent flame; her eyes shone liko balls of fire and the air smelled like burned mathes. This was Albertson's experience.

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The excitement created by the ghostly visitations of the midnight wanderer is not confined to Woodsburg, but has spread to all the surrounding villages. Several search ing parties have been organized, but only one has met with anything like success. This one was assembled Thursday night under the leadership of Louis Albertson. There were ten men in the party, which left Albertson's residence at 1 a, m. Each man had registered a soleam oath that he would follow the leader at any cost. The night was intensely dark and it was with difficulty that the men found their way along the road until they reached a spot from which the customary promenade of the ghostly visitor could be plainly observed. They concealed themselves and waited.

Suddenly the Longsworth yard was flooded with light, and to their horror the watchers saw directly in front of them the towering form of a woman in black. Just at this interesting and critical moment Albertson, for some unaccountable reason, concluded to go home. The rest of the party, remembering the oath which bound them to follow their leader, followed, and at a pace which crowded Albertson for first place. When the party reached Albertson's house it was discovered that the light had come from a lamp with a strong reflector placed in a neighbor's window by a thought-

come from a lamp with a strong reflector placed in a neighbor's window by a thoughtful wife to light her belated husband,s way. The search was renewed, but the mystery was seen no more that night.

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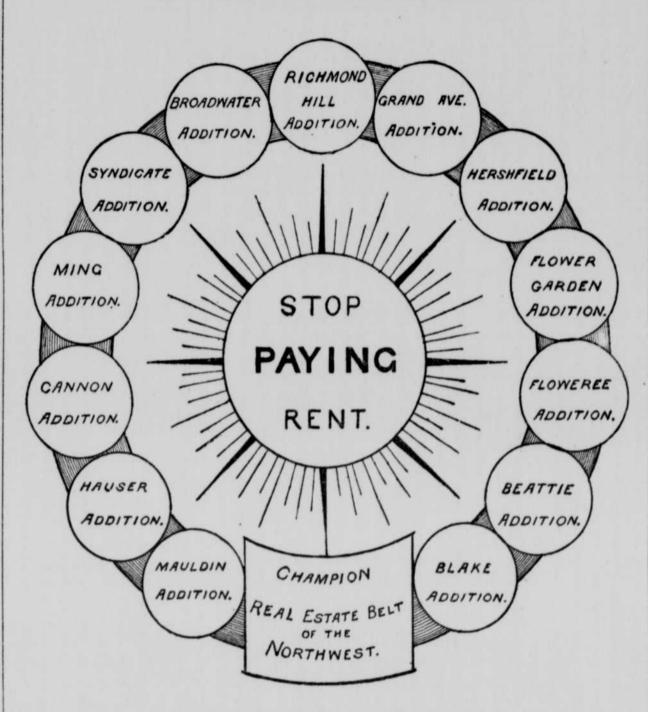
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